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LOUISIANA ETHICS ADMINISTRATION PROGRAM
P.O. Box 4368
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RE: Request for Advisory Opinion

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am the Town Attorney for Franklinton. I have represented a party for several years prior to my appointment as Town Attorney in family law matters only and am currently handling a custody matter. The opposing side is an employee of the Town and claims that I have a conflict and cannot represent my client. My client re-married last year and her new husband was elected to the Town Council in January. The employee claims this makes me conflicted and prevents me from representing my client in the custody matter. The town presently has no claim, investigation, or any other matter pending against the employee. It is my understanding that out of an abundance of caution, the Mayor changed the councilor's duties to exclude being over the department the employee is in.

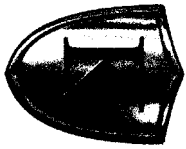
Can you please advise if this is a conflict? If so, how and what steps should be taken now and for the future to avoid any issues.

Regards,


James S. Knight

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